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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 569 EQB Club – Bowling Green, Kentucky

4 boxes. 22 folders. 91 items. 1935-2014. Originals, photocopies, photographs.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

In January, 1903, twelve young men met at the premises of E. Nahm and Company in Bowling Green, Kentucky and organized a literary club, which they named *Ecce Quam Bonum* ("Behold How Good").

Members of the EQB Club, as it came to be known, are designated by numbers from one to twelve, and meet to discuss "literary, scientific, historical, political, and all 'current topics,'" excluding those "having a sectarian bearing on the religion of any member of the Club." The constitution stipulates twelve meetings per year (one cycle), with each member responsible for entertaining the Club once per cycle. Nominations to fill vacancies are made by majority vote and members elected by unanimous vote.

The Club's traditions have included the wearing of dinner clothes to meetings (translated today as "business attire"), the greeting of arriving members by those present with a handshake "notwithstanding they may have seen each other a few minutes previously," and dinners for club members and guests.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of the records of the EQB Club of Bowling Green, Kentucky from 1935 to 2014, with future additions anticipated. The collection consists of five series: Minutes, Financial, Publications, Correspondence, and Miscellaneous. The Miscellaneous series (Series V) contains historical data about the club, including a history prepared in 1930 and updated through 1938 by J. Lewie Harman, the Club's historian. Harman included the Club's constitution, a lengthy list of its discussion topics, presidents and members lists, biographical information about members, and anecdotes. Also included in Series V is a collection of excerpts from the minutes documenting humorous or memorable events (Box 1, Folder 3). An oversized scrapbook (Box 1, Folder 4) collects some of Harman's drafts and data for the Club's history.

SHELF LIST**BOX 1** **1 item**

Folder 1	Inventory	1 item
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SERIES I MINUTES**Box 1 Minutes 1935-2005 18 items**

Folder 1	Minutes	1935-1952	1 item
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Folder 2	Minutes	1953-1983	1 item
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Folder 3	Stray materials from 1953-1983 minutes	1955-1968	9 items
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Folder 4	Minutes	1974-1985	1 item
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Folder 5	Minutes	1985-1987	1 item
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Folder 6	Minutes	1987-1990	1 item
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Folder 7	Minutes	1990-1997	1 item
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Folder 8	Minutes	1997-1999	1 item
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Folder 9	Minutes	1999-2003	1 item
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Folder 10	Minutes	2003-2005	1 item
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Box 2 Minutes 2005-2014 3 items

Folder 1	Minutes	2005-2007	1 item
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Folder 2	Minutes	2008-2009	1 item
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Folder 3	Minutes	2010-2014	1 item
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SERIES II FINANCIAL RECORDS**Box 1 Financial Records 1997-2003 20 items**

Folder 1	Financial records	1997-2003	20 items
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SERIES III PUBLICATIONS

Box 1	Publications	2009	1 item
Folder 1	Souvenir book, "EQB – Christmas 2009"	2009	1 item

SERIES IV CORRESPONDENCE

Box 1	Correspondence	1945-2003	20 items
Folder 1	Correspondence	1945-2003	20 items

SERIES V MISCELLANEOUS

Box 1	Miscellaneous	1936-2009	28 items
Folder 1	Miscellaneous	1936-2009	6 items
Folder 2	Photograph	n.d.	1 item
Folder 3	Historical sketches and data	1930-2002	7 items
Folder 4	Scrapbook (oversized) with historical data	1938	1 item
Folder 5	Loose materials from scrapbook	1938-1957	13 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

MSS EQB Club – Bowling Green, 1935-2014
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